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This text provides a programmatic overview of the practice of school counseling and advocates for comprehensive programs of essential services. Chapter topics include: (1) "The School Counseling Profession," which covers development of the field and professional identity; (2) "Comprehensive School Counseling Programs," which discusses the definition and purpose, facilities and resources of a school counseling program; (3) "The School Counselor," which discusses the varying roles, training, and credentials of school counselors; (4) "Essential Services," which distinguishes the counseling, consulting, coordinating, and appraising functions; (5) "Developing a Comprehensive Program," which includes planning, organizing, implementing, and evaluating functions; (6) "Individual Counseling and Group Procedures," which discusses the goals and processes of working with individual students and groups; (7) "Collaboration with School and Agency Professionals," which elaborates on the consultant role, school services, and community agencies; (8) "Student Appraisal," which discusses selection and use of standardized tests and assessment instruments; (9) "Educational Planning and Career Development," which covers educational and career guidance functions; (10) "Evaluation of a School Counseling Program," which covers program and counselor evaluation; (11) "Professional Ethics and Legal Issues"; and (12) "School Counseling Today and Tomorrow." (EMK)

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